



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

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Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell

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New Municipal Court Opens in Clermont County

Clermont County opens its new Municipal Courthouse in September. The 57,000 square foot facility is located at 4430 State Route 222 in Batavia, and will include five courtrooms.

In addition to the Municipal Court, the building will house a variety of Municipal Court functions including the Civil Division, Adult Probation, and Community Services. Other county offices include the Public Defender, Prosecutor, Clerk of Courts, Mediation Department and Victim Witness assistance programs.



Commissioners Name New Economic Development Director

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners has named Andrew Kuchta as Clermont County Economic Development Director, effective August 9, 2004.

Kuchta previously served as Butler County Economic Development Director. While in that capacity since October 2000, he assisted over 25 companies to locate or grow in Butler County creating 2,071 jobs and investing \$235 million in real and personal property.



Andrew Kuchta

"I am very excited to be joining the team in Clermont County and to have the opportunity to assist business growth," said Kuchta.

Kuchta received a Masters of Public Administration from Cleveland State University, and a Bachelor of

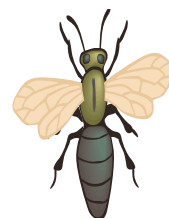
Arts degree from Bowling Green State University. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council and the Ohio Development Association.

Bee-yond a Hobby

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners has appointed Jeff Harris to serve as Clermont County deputy apiarist. According to state law, Ohio beekeepers are required to register their apiaries; the deputy apiarist is responsible for inspecting all registered honeybee colonies in Clermont County to diagnose any diseases or pests, and recommend appropriate controls to the beekeepers.

At one time, Clermont County was home to an estimated 200 beekeepers; that number has decreased to around 80 today.

"I currently have two colonies and last weekend extricated 120 pounds of honey from them," said Harris. "I have been stung, up to 30 times at once, but I appreciate the importance of bees in society and I respect their work ethic and how they rely on one another to thrive."



Working to Combat Possible Bio Terrorism Threats

On Thursday, August 5, federal, state, and local agencies from counties across southwest Ohio, participated in a bio terrorism exercise designed to examine the area's emergency response capability.

The event, held at the Cintas Center, involved a hypothetical smallpox outbreak and how area emergency personnel would respond.

Among those taking part in the exercise from Clermont County: Dr. Janet Rickabaugh, Marty Lambert, Rob Perry, Sandy Edwards, Shirley Sexton, Jackie Lindner (General Health District); Chief Deputy Rick Combs (Clermont Sheriff's Department), Lt. Mark Griffith (Union Twp. Police), Sgt. Gary Auffart (Union Twp. Fire), Beth Nevel (Department of Public Safety Services); Kathy Lehr (Public Information); Chief Steve Bailey (Miami Twp. Police); Bonna Bauer, Mary Barnett (Clermont Mercy Hospital); and Lt. Paul Hermes (State Highway Patrol-Batavia post)



Pictured above: Beth Nevel (DPSS), Kathy Lehr (OPI), Lt. Mark Griffith (Union Twp. Police), and Chief Deputy Rick Combs (Sheriff's Dept.)

Remembering Scott

By: Lisa Davis, MRDD

Friends and family gathered at the Clermont County Board of MRDD on Tuesday, August 24, for the dedication of "Scott's Style-N-Salon" at the Donald A. Collins Habilitation Center. The salon was created in memory of Scott Hirschauer, who passed away in January, 2004.



Scott was a stylish young man who participated in the MRDD program and because his mother, Jean, spent 14 years as a stylist in a beauty shop owned by Clermont County Auditor Linda Fraley, it was only fitting a salon be built in his honor. Their friendship led them to decide upon a salon within one of the MRDD facilities as a perfect way to preserve Scott's memory. "I had several personal reasons for wanting to be a part of this project," said Linda. "I wanted to give back to Scott's friends who he loved and cared for so much. I also wanted to have a lasting, functioning place for Scott to be remembered, and to let Scott's family know how much I think of them and want to help them through this most difficult time." After weeks of renovations, the salon was ready for dedication on August 24. "This room will represent the same ideals

as Scott had in his heart," said Linda during the ceremony. "Always room for one more; everyone is welcome; how can I help you; are you okay; and what can I do to make you feel better."

Many people helped the salon become a reality. "Our heartfelt thanks go to Linda Fraley and her brother Gene Schauer for donating all of the beauty shop equipment

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September Commissioner Sessions

Wed., Sept. 8	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 14	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 22	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 28	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

Pierce Township Town Meeting

Join the Board of Clermont County Commissioners and Pierce Township Trustees for a town meeting on Tuesday, September 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The town meeting will be held at the Pierce Township Town Hall, located at 950 Locust Corner Road in Cincinnati.



Clermont Park Happenings

By: Keith Robinson, naturalist

Flowers, Music, and Art

Sunday September 12th

Chilo Lock #34 Park, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing a free concert at Chilo Lock #34 Park. Enjoy the wonderful sounds of the orchestra as they perform along the beautiful Ohio River.

Before the music starts you can enjoy the artistic talents of many local artists. The Felicity Garden Club is holding an Art and Flower Show beginning at noon. For more information, or to participate in the Flower Show, contact Kathy Eubanks at 513-876-3130. To participate in the Art show contact Louise McKee at 513-876-2508.

Schedule of Events

10:00am - 12:00 pm - Registration for Art and Flower show

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Art and flower show held in the Yurts at Chilo Lock #34 Park

4:00 pm - Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra concert

Great Outdoors Weekend

Saturday September 25th, 12:00 - 1:00; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday September 26th, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Chilo Lock #34 Park

Get out of your house and enjoy the Great Outdoors Weekend. Many park districts, and environmental organizations throughout Greater Cincinnati are hosting special FREE programs, all weekend long. The Clermont County Park District is participating

with a free animal tracking program at Chilo Lock #34 Park. Participants will gain valuable knowledge about local wildlife.

Learn how tracks and other signs of wildlife can give you clues in finding them. Each participant will get to make their own plaster of paris track mold to take home.



Remembering Scott

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and the funds to redecorate the room with paint and new tile," said Jean. She also thanked family members and MRDD staff who "helped paint, clean, stock and fine-tune the finishing results."

During the ceremony, Jean, her husband Dan, and Scott's twin brother Jeff, unveiled a shadowbox filled with pictures and memories of Scott's life. Once hung inside the salon, Jean announced the box would be a constant reminder of Scott and how he loved to share good things with his friends.

"This room was put together by those who knew and loved Scott," said Linda. "You couldn't separate the two—if you knew Scott, you loved him."

To see the salon in action, contact Lisa Davis and Jean Hirschauer, MRDD, at 732-4921 or Auditor Linda Fraley at 732-7150.



Pictured above: Jean Hirschauer and Auditor Linda Fraley

Clermont Library Events

By: Tammy Craig, Clermont Library

Sports Medicine and Your Young Athlete

Monday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.
Bethel Branch Library



Learn about the importance of pre-sports assessments and common injuries to your child athlete.

Quilting: A Primer

Saturdays Sept. 18 through October 2, 10:00 a.m.
Batavia Branch Library

Adults are invited to try their skills at creating a nine patch Irish chain quilt.

Scrapbooking for Beginners

Monday, Sept. 20, 7:00 p.m.
Union Twp. Branch Library

Learn the latest techniques for turning your pictures into valued treasures.

Clermont County Hauntings

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7:00 p.m.
Milford-Miami Twp. Branch Library



Did you know Clermont County is home to a bunch of ghosts? Spooky tales await you.

New Resource for Military Families and Friends

By: Erica O'Neil, Juvenile Court

There's a new website designed to be a local resource for members of the military, their families, and their friends. It is www.militarysupportconnection.com. It was created to be a one stop resource for local, national and international military support efforts.

Make Your Vote Count!

Are you registered to vote? Election day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Contact the Clermont County Board of Elections for information, 732-7275.

This 3-year-old Retriever-Chow mix is neutered. He would be great in a home with older children. Do you have room at your house?



Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854

Healthy Heart Walk

The American Heart Association presents the Clermont County Heart Walk on Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park in Union Township. Online registration for the 2004 American Heart

Walk is easy. Go to www.heartwalk.kintera.org/clermontcountyoh. For more information contact Amy Howe at the American Heart Association at 513-281-4048.



Presenting.....

Clermont County Director of Utilities, Tom Yeager, answers citizen's questions following his presenta-

tion on water and sewer improvements at the recent Union Township Town Meeting.



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank

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